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SUBJECT: SPACE AGREEMENT--SOVIET MARS RESULTS

1. TOBIAS OWEN AND HAROLD MAZURSKY, MEMBERS NASA VIKING PROJECT TEAM, WILL BE IN MOSCOW WEEK OF JULY 14 FOR IAU CARTOGRAPHY MEETING. THEY WOULD LIKE TO MEET BRIEFLY DURING PERIOD JULY 14-16 WITH KURT, ISTOMIN, AND MOROZ AT INSTITUTE OF SPACE RESEARCH TO DISCUSS SOVIET FINDING OF ARGON IN MARS' ATMOSPHERE. MATTER RAISED BY FRUTKIN AND THIBIDEAU DURING RECENT TALKS WITH VERESHCHETIN. VERESHCHETIN HAD NO DIFFICULTY WITH PROPOSAL BUT WAS WAITING FOR RETURN OF KHODAREV FROM COSPAR AND PROMISED TO GIVE NASA DEFINITE WORD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WOULD APPRECIATE SCICOUN CONTACTING VERESHCHETIN RE ABOVE MEETING AND INFORMING NASA STATUS SOVIET RESPONSE. IF SOVIETS AGREE TO MEETING, NASA WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE OF SCICOUN IN ARRANGING TIME FOR TALKS. OWEN AND MAZURSKY WILL CONTACT HIM ON ARRIVAL MOSCOW. KISSINGER

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